

## Troop 39 Committee Meeting Minutes - 11/28/12

Attendance: Nancy Callaghan, Jim Callaghan, Kevin Raymond, Maggie Hannon, Ellen Drexler, Lori Alessandro, Carl Alessandro, Danielle Neary

Meeting opened with an update from the Leaders by Jim Callaghan. There is a change to a more active adult leadership role to mentor and support the scouts. Minutes to Leaders meetings will be shared to ensure transparency. Upcoming Events:

Scouting for Food last week of November, December 1 at Food Bank

December 1: Holiday Cards for Heroes at Gathering on the Green

December 8-9 Campout: JNW Theme: Orienteering/Snow Camping Prep Trip Leader: Tom Bertelsen

January 25-27 Campout: Otis Ridge (cabin) Theme: Ski/Snow Sports Trip Leader: Stu Garmise

Troop Swim TBD January or February

### Business Items:

- Recharter and Journey to Excellence – Due by 12/3, Danielle handling. Extra 150 points for JTE if all committee members go online and take Troop Committee Challenge training.
- Wreaths Update – discussion of what went well, what were the challenges this year. Pre-ordering seems to have less popularity, possibly because it is started too soon (October)? Cash-and-Carry events were popular, sold out Thanksgiving weekend. Idea to sell in teams, pre-order more and canvas assigned neighborhoods. Cash upfront may be issue, we would need to presell 300 to have enough to pay upon delivery.
- Troop Financials – Maggie presented current financial report and copy of bank statement.
- Eagle COH confirmed for March 16, 2013 at MES, time pending MYAL's release of the community room. Discussion on request for separate ceremonies; Dwight Fowler's input on the dignitaries and amount of work involved in putting together a ceremony. Vote was to offer one ceremony in the spring and one in the fall, families may choose to participate in whichever offering or not participate at all. Discussion on who "owns" the ceremony, with the conclusion that it is the troop's ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of the scout(s).
- Leader and Committee Joint Meeting – Nancy Callaghan will serve as moderator, input requested on date (January 15 proposed) and agenda items: Mission and Vision, clear definition of roles and responsibilities, end of back door politics. Nancy, Tom and Danielle to meet to solidify details. Important that everyone come prepared to contribute with solutions and involvement. Goal is to define direction and methods of getting there. Agenda is troop agenda, not personal agenda. Confirm date and next steps: invitation, not open as general parents meeting since it is a working meeting and it would sidetrack meeting to bring others up to speed.

### Other Notes/Discussion:

- Discussion on Advancement Protocol: do the scouts and their parents understand? Is there more we can be doing as a troop to help guide them, I,e, resources online, meeting checkpoints. Ellen spoke about keeping the advancement chart updated and making it a Patrol Leader's responsibility to get input on advancement needs. Suggestion for checklist on the website or post-it note in books "So you want to be a Tenderfoot?"
- Troop needs to be visible at other times than out selling wreaths. PR effort needed to remind community of how we give back. Nancy Callaghan volunteered to send photos and releases to the RiverEast.
- Next Committee Meetings: 1/30, 3/27, 5/29